

President Reichart convened the public meeting of Hanover Borough Council on Wednesday August 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Hanover Borough Council Chamber, 44 Frederick Street, Hanover, PA, as advertised. The meeting was conducted in person and via Zoom Webinar with video presentation.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS & OFFICERS' REPORTS

President Reichart called the regular business of the meeting to order and asked all those in attendance to recite the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

On roll call the following answered as present: Mrs. Funk, Mr. Hegberg, Mr. Hoover, Mr. Kress, Mr. Lockard, Ms. Pranses, Mr. Reichart, Mr. Roland and Dr. Rupp; Solicitor Shultis; Manager Dunford; and Secretary Felix. Councilman Chesney and Mayor Whitman were not in attendance.

President Reichart acknowledged that an executive session was held at 6:15 PM this evening, under The Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, 65 Pa. Section 708, prior to this meeting for the following reasons:

- To consult with legal counsel regarding personnel matters. 708 (a) (1)
- To consult with legal counsel regarding collective bargaining matters. 708 (a) (2)
- To consult with legal counsel regarding information in connection with litigation 708 (a) (c)

Public Comment

Julie Mosebrook, 8 Dart Manor Court: Ms. Mosebrook stated she would be in favor of the Quilting Retreat on Primrose Lane, and she is disappointed with the decision to deny the request.

Presentation – Silas Chamberlain York County Economic Alliance

Mr. Silas Chamberlain was in attendance to give a PowerPoint Presentation on the County Broadband Project to expand the fiber broadband network. There are significant areas throughout the County who do not have access. The private providers would be responsible for the cost to build a backbone network, primarily south of Route 30, in areas that currently have no access. The County allocated a total of \$25 million for the project, through the American Rescue Act. The project involves 144 miles of fiber, a combination of aerial and underground. Citizens would be billed \$5 per month for the service. The service would provide base level wi-fi to all businesses and residents; and would not interfere with major internet companies' premium services. The effort is focused on those citizens who cannot afford high priced services for internet, and those in rural areas who cannot access it. The County is asking for Hanover Borough to work with consultants on building the network; and they are not asking for the Borough to provide funding.

President Reichart thanked Mr. Chamberlain for his attendance and informative presentation.

Planning Commission Candidates

President Reichart announced that brief interviews for 4 Year Terms on the Hanover Borough Planning Commission would be conducted, and limited to 5 minutes. The following citizens were present, who expressed interest in serving on the Planning Commission:

- a. Philip Baum – new candidate
201 York Street – came from Manhattan 5 years ago; loves the community; has been on Planning Commissions in Maryland and New York, and is aware of inner-workings; would like to be involved. Would be available to attend meetings the first Wed. of each month.
- b. Jennifer Noon – new candidate – was unable to attend due to scheduling conflict.
- c. Scott Roland – existing member on Planning Commission since 2011, when Mr. Rebert was manager. He is a commercial-residential property owner. He served 8 years on the school board; has an engineering background; and is able to attend meetings. He was vice-chairman for past few years, and he has lived in the area for 26 years.

Mr. Reichart asked about conflicts that would limit him in his capacity for this appointment.

Mr. Shultis confirmed that it is allowable for up to 2 members of Council to serve on the Planning Commission.

Mr. Roland feels that being a Council member brings insight to the Planning Commission and is an asset; communication is a plus. If there is a potential conflict, he may recuse, and will do so if necessary.

- d. Anthony Funk – new candidate – Mr. Funk was on Planning Commission in 2004 and 2005. He had to resign from Planning Commission at that time to be elected to Council. He was an electrical contractor for 42 years, has seen a lot of construction, and feels he would be an asset to the Commission. He served on Borough Council for 4 years.

President Reichart thanked the candidates for their input this evening.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Lockard, seconded by Mrs. Funk to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve the minutes of the Council Meeting of July 28, 2021.
- b. Finance Items
 - i. Approve Bills for Payment
 - ii. Accept Monthly Financial Statement
 - iii. Accept Monthly Investment Report
- c. Approve SPCA Annual Contract
- d. Approve Special Event Permit Applications
 - i. Shout of Victory Love and Unity: Wirt Park on 9/25/21 and 9/26/21
 - ii. Christmas in Hanover Events: Downtown
 - iii. Stateline Canine Event: Good Field 9/25/21 & 9/26/21
 - iv. Main Street Second Saturday Event: Downtown 9/11/21
 - v. Main Street Sip & Stroll Event: Downtown 10/1/21

Motion carried.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Council Workshop/Finance & Personnel Committee – Dr. Rupp

Planning Commission Appointment/Reappointment

Solicitor Shultis outlined the nomination process for the (2) four-year terms on the Planning Commission, until July 31, 2021. Nominations are held first with no second required; then voting occurs in the order of nominations.

Nomination – Mr. Lockard nominated Mr. Anthony Funk

Nomination – Mrs. Funk nominated Mr. Scott Roland

Nomination – Mr. Hegberg nominated Mr. Philip Baum

The following voted for Mr. Funk: Mrs. Funk, Mr. Kress, Mr. Lockard, Mr. Reichart and Mr. Roland; the nomination to appoint Mr. Anthony Funk to the Planning Commission passed with 5 voting in favor of Mr. Funk's nomination out of a total of 9 members present.

The following voted for Mr. Roland: Mrs. Funk, Mr. Hegberg, Mr. Hoover, Mr. Kress, Mr. Lockard, Mr. Reichart, Mr. Roland and Dr. Rupp with 8 members voting in favor of Mr. Roland's nomination out of a total of 9 members present.

Dr. Rupp thanked Mr. Baum for his attendance and interest and encouraged him to stay involved.

There was discussion on the possibility of appointing an alternate member to the Planning Commission with Solicitor Shultis.

It was moved by Dr. Rupp, seconded by Ms. Pranses to approve the Solicitor's letter to the Hills regarding their request to remove material from the former landfill in Manheim Township. Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Rupp, seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the Solicitor's letter to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources stating the Borough is not interested in selling its land at this time. Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Rupp, seconded by Mr. Lockard to approve funding of the 2021 Fire Commission Budget Deficit, estimated at \$35,973.00, contingent upon a parallel action by Penn Township. Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Rupp, seconded by Mr. Roland to approve the Library Work Group charge and appoint Council Members Reichart, Kress and Hegberg, until June 30, 2022. Ms. Pranses voted in opposition to the motion. Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Rupp, seconded by Mrs. Funk to approve the interim contract with PA Municipal Codes Alliance for professional services to enforce Borough codes for the period August 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, at an hourly cost up to \$50 per hour, for at least 20 hours per week for 22 weeks at an approximate annual cost of \$22,000. Ms. Pranses voted in opposition to the motion. Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Rupp, seconded by Mrs. Funk to approve Resolution No. 1328 for lease of a dump truck regarding a budgeted and previously approved, 3-year lease with Bci Capital to be paid from the Regional Wastewater Treatment Fund, at 1.35% annual interest and a total 3-year expenditure of \$166,385. Motion carried.

Public Works & Facilities Committee – Mr. Hegberg

It was moved by Mr. Hegberg, seconded by Mrs. Funk to authorize the contract to purchase a trash compactor estimated at \$200,000 for the Transfer Station, to avoid potential Transfer Station shutdowns and revenue losses. Motion carried.

Mr. Roland suggested expanding the business to include other refuse companies for this service.

It was moved by Mr. Hegberg, seconded by Dr. Rupp to approve Resolution No. 1329 to authorize grant applications through the Strategic Management Planning (STMP) Program. Motion carried.

Mr. Hegberg commented he has responded to the email with details to Manager Dunford and Finance Director Miller; and he further noted his comments may also be included with the grant submissions.

It was moved by Mr. Hegberg, seconded by Mr. Hoover to direct the Borough Manager to compose a letter for President Reichart's signature to the Penn Township Board of Commissioners requesting their participation in a joint study for costs and benefits to both municipalities for the Fire Commission as currently organized; the Fire Commission as envisioned as a fully merged and staffed joint entity; the Fire Commission under alternative models of service delivery such as joint provision of EMS services only; and to request that the Fire Commission be directed to suspend joint labor negotiations until both municipalities vote to so authorize after receipt of an action on the recommendations of the study. Motion carried. The joint study would be a part of the STMP grant program, referred to in the previous motion.

Planning Items – Mr. Hegberg

It was moved by Mr. Hegberg, seconded by Ms. Pranses to approve an extension of the contract with Buchart Horn in the amount of \$59,200, funded under American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), for preliminary design & engineering for the Library roof replacement project. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Hegberg, seconded by Mrs. Funk to authorize the 2021 capital project estimated at \$10,350 for replacement of the garage doors at the sand filter building at the Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility. Motion carried.

It was moved by Hegberg, seconded by Mrs. Funk to authorize the 2021 capital project estimated at \$30,000 for the replacement of the shed roof at the Lawrence Baker Sheppard Dam. Motion carried.

Public Safety Committee – Mr. Roland

It was moved by Mr. Roland, seconded by Mr. Hegberg to approve traffic studies required by PennDOT to implement brake retarder restrictions in The Borough of Hanover. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Roland, seconded by Mrs. Funk to authorize advertisement of an ordinance for a no parking zone at 212 and 220 Third Street, as requested by St. Vincent DePaul Church, same to be forwarded to PennDOT as a first step in their approval process, with public parking to remain in front of the school. Mr. Roland noted the request for no parking was recommended by PennDOT through a study, submitted by St. Vincent's Church. Motion carried.

Water & Sewer Committee – Mr. Kress

It was moved by Mr. Kress, seconded by Mr. Roland to approve the bid award for the 2021 Water Main Replacement Project to EK Services, New Cumberland, PA in the amount of \$1,665,940.25, contingent upon formal review by staff and Solicitor. Motion carried.

Communications – Solicitor Shultis stated that since the 3rd motion under the Public Works and Facilities Committee was added and not on the posted agenda, a public comment protocol is requested specifically regarding this motion.

Mr. Reichart reminded all of the following:

- Hanover Chili Cookoff – Sunday, September 5, 2021 11:00 – 5:00 PM Good Field

- **SEPTEMBER COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

- *Governance & Policy Committee Tues. 9/7 - 6:00 PM

- *Water & Sewer Committee Wed. 9/8 - 6:00 PM

- *Economic Development Committee Wed. 9/8- 7:00 PM

- Finance & Personnel/Workshop Wed. 9/15 - 7:00 PM at Borough building

- Council Wed. 9/22 - 7:00 PM

- * Meetings will be cancelled if there is no business or a lack of quorum. Please advise the Borough Secretary if you will be unable to attend any meetings.*

Public Comment – Mr. Reichart asked for public comments regarding the 3rd motion under Public Works and Facilities, or for general comments.

Mandy Smith, 507 York Street was present and questioned where to go about the processes involved with Council and where to find items on the agenda. Dunford referred her to the Borough Secretary for website direction and to sign up for Notify Me on the Borough website to receive information.

Laura Cecera Hypes, 7 Dart Manor Court, requested that President Reichart or Solicitor Shultis summarize the added item on the agenda this evening. Mr. Hegberg reread the motion that was added at the request of Ms. Hypes.

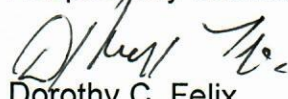
Justine Trucksess, 146 Carlisle St., Main Street Hanover stated she looks forward to Council's favorable consideration of working with the YCEA on the public Wi-Fi initiative, which will be a huge benefit to business owners and residents.

ADJOURNMENT

President Reichart thanked all for their cooperation and attendance this evening.

It was moved by Mr. Roland, seconded by Mr. Lockard to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Dorothy C. Felix
Borough Secretary